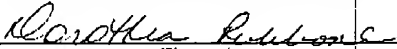


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## STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

On June 15, 2004, the Office Mailed an Office Action with respect to the above referenced patent application. Applicants requested a telephonic interview with the Office. A telephonic interview was held on October 19, 2004 with Examiner Stephens representing the Office and Attorneys Ronald A. D'Alessandro and Hunter E. Webb representing applicants. Applicants respectfully submit the following statement:

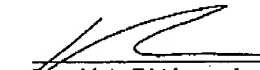
During the interview, the rejections of claims 1-63 in light of Roe, Allen, Goyal and Glaug were discussed. No exhibit or demonstration was submitted by Applicants. Applicants explained in that the current invention, the back guard extends vertically above the front of the incontinence article, whereas, in sharp contrast, top front of the Roe diaper is aligned with the top back of the diaper when worn by a user. The Examiner agreed with Applicants that the cited art does not teach each and every feature of the claimed invention.

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Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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